THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMEN OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) As per the present policy on disposal of confiscated revolvers/pistols, non-prohibited bore weapons are given to the Officers of the Customs department on loan, according to need, subject to the condition that on retirement/superannuation these weapons are returned to the Department. Surplus weapons of non-prohibited bore, according to the present policy, are being sold to Members of Parliament.

Seizure of Brown Sugar in Bombay

1679. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Indian Express (Madras) of 8th October, 1988 that brown sugar worth Rs. 58.5 crores was seized in Bombay from 5 persons travelling on fake South Korean Passport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per details of the case reported to the Narcotics Control Bureau, on 7.10.1988, the officers of the Bombay Police attached to the Airport Security at Sahar airport intercepted five passengers bound for Geneva and on examination of their checked-in baggages, brown sugar weighing 58.5 kgs. was recovered and seized.

On further investigation, it was found that the South Korean passports in their possession were fake. Two of the persons were found to be Afghan nationals and the third, an Afghan refugee from Delhi. The other two were Indian and Tibetan national from Mizoram.

No precise value of the drugs seized can be determined as this is dependent upon various factors like purity of the drug, places of origin and sale, local demand and supply, etc.

All the five persons have been arrested for appropriate action under the law.

Crime Data Bank

1680. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Crime Data Bank in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) by when it is likely to be set up; and

(d) the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The National Crime Records Bureau was set up in New Delhi in 1986.

(d) An amount of Rs. 710.62 lakhs has been provided in the budget for the year 1988-89.

Arms surrender in Darjeeling in terms of recent Accord

1681. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of arms surrendered by the members of the GNLF and CPI(M) separately in Darjeeling so far in terms of the recent Accord;